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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants: Vogel, et al.

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DEVICE FOR A PATIENT
SUPPORT**

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated October 6, 2004, the following comments on the Statement of Reasons for Allowance are provided. Applicants note that the Examiner's statement does not apply to all allowed claims. Several of the allowed claims do not include all the limitations mentioned by the Examiner. Therefore, these claims are to be interpreted based on their own claim language and are allowable for other reasons.

Respectfully submitted,

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